(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to save consumers from the alleged fraud?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI MATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the 208 MW Godavari Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power project of M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited has been signed between the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board and the project developers. Government of India (GOI) is neither a signatory party to the PPA nor is it required to approve the same unless there is a proposal from the State Government for approval of deviations, if any, from the GOI tariff notification dated 30.3.1992. In the case of Godavari CCGT power project, no proposal has been received for approval of any deviations.

The Godavari project was techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 3.1.1994 at provisional cost of Rs. 748.43 crores calculated at the then prevailing foreign exchange rate. As per the tariff notification, the project developer is required to approach CEA for approval of the actual capital expenditure incurred on completion of the project which would be the criterion for fixation of tariff. In case the actual expenditure exceeds the project cost, the excesses as approved by CEA shall be deemed to be the actual capital expenditure for the purpose of determining the tariff, provided that such excess expenditure is not attributable to the Generating Company or its suppliers or contractors.

M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Ltd., have not yet approached CEA for approval of actual final completed cost. The completed cost has also to be recommended by the State Government to the CEA. In view of the above position, it would be premature to set up an inquiry in the matter.

NTPC participation in Dahej LNG project

5597. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is taking a stake of 26% in the Dahej LNG project;

(b) if so, the capital outlay for this stake;

(c) the role of NTPC in this venture;

(d) to what extent Dahej LNG Terminal in any way is connected with the core competence of NTPC;

(e) whether NTPC is withdrawing funds from projects connected directly with power generation to participate in this venture; and

(f) the details of all aspects of NTPC's participation in this LNG project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is taking a stake of 10% in the equity of Petronet LNG.

As per the available indications the total investments involved in Dahej Liquaifed Natural Gas (LNG) project of Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) are of the order of US $ 700 million (Regasific ation Terminal—US $ 600 million and Marine facilities US $ 100 million). The debt equity ratio proposed is 70:30. Proposed break-up of the equity structure is as under:

Government Sector Shareholders	:	50%
(IOCL, BPCL, ONGC, GAIL & NTPC	:	(10% each)
Private Sector Shareholders	:	50%
(yet to be identified)		

(c) NTPC is one of the promoters in the Joint Venture Company. The purpose of entering into this joint venture is to have transparency in sourcing of LNG required to meet NTPC's gas requirements for expansion units (650 MW each) at Anta and Auraiya gas based combined cycle power plants.

(d) NTPC has recently formulated its 15-year Corporate Plan : Looking Ahead (1997-2012). Based on this Corporate Plan, NTPC has identified investments in LNG-regasification terminal through joint ventures, as one of the preferred areas for its diversification by backward integration which would be the key to ensuring long term uninterrupted availability of the fuel at reasonable prices/terms for combined cycle power plants being set up by NTPC as a part of its Corporate Plan.

(e) No, Sir. The investment proposed in Petronet LNG by way of NTPC's share of equity capital is separate and in addition to the investments proposed in the power projects of NTPC.

(f) The details are as under:—

(a) MoU between NTPC and Petronet is under finalisation.

(b) LNG supplies are already tied up and bids for EPC contracts have been invited by Petronet LNG.

(c) Petronet LNG have informed that the terminal is expected to be ready to supply regassified LNG by July, 2003.